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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Former Lodi Resident Terrorism Conviction is Overturned

(U) A federal judge overturned the 2006 conviction yesterday of a California man accused of training in a Pakistani terrorist camp and lying to the FBI about it, undoing a case once heralded by federal prosecutors after the 9/11 attacks as a proactive victory against terrorism. The man, Hamid Hayat, 35, was sentenced in 2007 to 24-years in prison. He had served more than 14-years before Tuesday's decision. In overturning Mr. Hayat's conviction and sentence, Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr., of US District Court in Sacramento, said that Mr. Hayat had not been adequately represented during his trial. His lawyer did not use testimony from several witnesses who could have provided a credible alibi for Mr. Hayat, the judge wrote in his order.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [New York Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – US Border Patrol Agents Seize Over \$150K Worth of Methamphetamine

(U) Yuma – Border Patrol agents working in the Yuma sector seized over 65-pounds of methamphetamine during two drug smuggling attempts. Last week, Wellton Station agents performed a vehicle stop on a Ford Focus traveling eastbound. Agents discovered 10 packages of methamphetamine concealed within the vehicle. The methamphetamine weighed nearly 35-pounds and has an estimated street value of more than \$79,000. The driver, a 24-year-old male Mexican national was arrested while the vehicle and drugs were seized. In a second incident, Wellton Station agents working the Immigration Checkpoint referred a Toyota Corolla to secondary inspection following a canine alert. Agents discovered numerous packages of meth concealed in the rocker panels of the vehicle. The methamphetamine weighed of nearly 32-pounds and an estimated value of nearly \$73,000. The 22-year-old driver and 21-year-old passenger, both Mexican nationals, were arrested. The vehicle and narcotics were seized.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) California – US Border Patrol Arrest Convicted Sex Offender

(U) Calexico – US CBP agents assigned to the El Centro Sector arrested a previously deported aggravated sex offender after illegally entering the US. According to agents assigned to the Calexico station, they suspected the individual of entering the US approximately 12-miles east of the West Port of Entry. Agents responded to the area, arrested the individual, and transported him to the station for immigration and criminal history screening. After agents checked his record, it revealed Gregorio Neri-Basilio a 36-year-old Mexican national, was previously convicted on three counts of sexual abuse of a child in July 2004. Agents said he was sentenced to 12-months in prison for his crimes and was removed from the US in February 2005, as an aggravated felon.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [KYMA](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Issues Hacking Security Alert for Small Planes

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a rare security alert yesterday for

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small planes. The alert warns if a hacker gained physical access to certain small planes, they could attach a common device to its wiring. This could provide false flight data including altitude and airspeed, as well as possible access to the autopilot system, potentially leaving a pilot unable to tell whether the reading was accurate and potentially lose control of the aircraft.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [CBS News](#)

(U) Mississippi – Two Walmart Workers Killed by another Employee

(U) Southaven – A disgruntled employee at a Walmart killed two co-workers and wounded a police officer in a deadly shootout. Martez Abram, 39, a recently terminated employee, was charged with two counts of murder. The deadly incident began early morning when Southaven police responded to reports of an active shooter. The victims have been identified as Anthony Brown, 40, and Brandon Gales, 38.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [The Daily Beast](#)

(U) Oregon – Two Arrested in Black Market Pot Grow

(U) Gold Hill – Authorities say two men have been arrested in a raid on an illegal marijuana growing operation in southwestern Oregon. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office says detectives from a multi-agency task force found indoor and outdoor pot growing operations when they served a search warrant yesterday at neighboring properties near Gold Hill. Detectives arrested Michael Newmann, who lives at the Oregon property, and Joshua Carey of Homedale, Idaho. Newmann was booked into jail on charges related to the unlawful possession, manufacture and delivery of marijuana and butane honey oil. Carey was booked for unlawful manufacture of marijuana.

SOURCE: 30 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Oregon – US Coast Guard Ship Returns after \$350M Cocaine Bust

(U) Portland – A US Coast Guard cutter returned yesterday, after seizing \$350 million worth of cocaine. The Cutter Steadfast spent 56 days patrolling the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Over the course of their expedition, the Steadfast crew stopped 5 vessels that were suspected of smuggling contraband. From those stops alone, the crew recovered over 23,000-pounds of cocaine estimated to be worth about \$311 million. On the way back home, Cutter Robert Ward added another 3,000-pounds of cocaine to the Steadfast's haul, bringing the total up to 26,000-pounds worth around \$350 million. This seizure is the largest by this type of cutter during a single deployment in the history of the US Coast Guard.

SOURCE: 31 July 2019, [ABC 8 News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Bomb Hits Passenger Bus Killing 32

(U) Kabul – An Afghan official says a roadside bomb explosion hit a passenger bus in western Farha province, killing at least 32 people including women and children. 15 people were wounded in the bombing this morning in Bala Buluk district. The official insisted the casualty numbers in the initial report could rise. Ambulances have taken victims to hospitals in both Herat and Farah provinces. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban insurgents are active in the region and use roadside bombs to target government officials as well as Afghan security forces, though civilians become victims of the planted bombs.

SOURCE: 31 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Costa Rica – Dozens Arrested in Migrant Smuggling Ring Bust

(U) San Jose – Costa Rican and Panamanian officials yesterday morning arrested nearly 50 people linked to an international network suspected of smuggling migrants through Central America and toward the US. In one of the largest operations against people smugglers conducted in the country, Costa Rican

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migration police and prosecutors raided 36 locations on the border with Panama and Nicaragua, arresting 37 suspected members of the network. In Panama, federal police arrested 12 people connected to the same network.

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